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Entitled:

CONJUGATED LINOLEIC ACID COMPOSITIONS

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Dated: July 9, 2001By: 

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2001.

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In the Claims:

Applicants elect the claims in Group I without traverse. Therefore, please withdraw claims 20-23. With respect to the species election for claims 6 and 25, applicants elect the metal oxidant chelator species of ascorbic acid with traversal. Applicants respectfully remind that examiner that upon allowance of claims with this species, applicants will be entitled to examination of claims with other species.

Since no changes have been made to the Claims, applicants have not appended a version of the claims with markings to show changes. Accordingly, the Claims now pending in the application are:

1. A composition comprising an isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety, said composition containing less than 100 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a free fatty acid.

3. The composition of claim 1, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety is an alkyl ester.

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4. The composition of claim 1, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a triacylglyceride.

5. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises a metal oxidant chelator.

6. The composition of claim 5, wherein said metal oxidant chelator is selected from the group consisting of citric acid esters and lecithin.

7. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition contains less than 50 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

8. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition contains less than 10 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

9. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition contains less than 5 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

10. A food product comprising an isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety and a metal oxidant chelator, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 100 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

11. The food product of claim 10, wherein said moiety is selected from the group consisting of a triacylglyceride, a free fatty acid, and an alkyl ester.

12. The food product of claim 10, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 50 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

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13. The food product of claim 10, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 10 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

14. The food product of claim 10, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 5 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

15. A food supplement comprising a isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety and an metal oxidant chelator, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 100 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

16. The food supplement of claim 15, wherein said moiety is selected from the group consisting of a triacylglyceride, a free fatty acid, and an alkyl ester.

17. The food supplement of claim 15, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 50 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

18. The food supplement of claim 15, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 10 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

19. The food supplement of claim 15, wherein said isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 5 parts per million total of volatile organic compounds.

24. A food product comprising a conjugated linoleic acid moiety and a metal oxidant chelator.

25. The food product of Claim 24, wherein said metal oxidant chelator is selected from lecithin and ascorbic acid.

26. The food product of Claim 24, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 100 ppm volatile organic compounds.

27. The food product of Claim 24, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety contains less than 5 ppm volatile organic compounds.

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28. The food product of Claim 24, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is an ester of conjugated linoleic acid.

29. The food product of Claim 24, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a triglyceride containing conjugated linoleic acid.

30. The food product of Claim 24, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a free fatty acid.

31. A food product comprising an isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety, said conjugated linoleic acid moiety having a sufficiently low volatile organic compound concentration so that the taste and smell of said food product is not affected.

32. The food product of Claim 31, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is an alkyl ester.

33. The food product of Claim 31, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a free fatty acid.

34. The food product of Claim 31, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a triglyceride.

35. A composition comprising an isomerized conjugated linoleic acid moiety, said conjugated linoleic acid moiety having a sufficiently low volatile organic compound concentration so that the taste and smell of said composition is not affected.

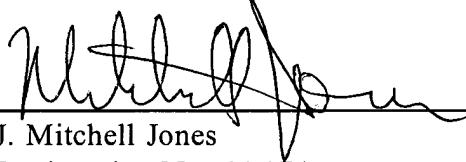
36. The composition of Claim 35, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is an alkyl ester.

37. The composition of Claim 35, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a free fatty acid.

38. The composition of Claim 35, wherein said conjugated linoleic acid moiety is a triglyceride.

Applicants respectfully that Claims submitted are in condition for allowance.

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